

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

**GATHERING MUSIC & RINGING OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME & GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

*One:* Rejoice with great joy and singing,  
for you shall see the glory of God.

*Many:* How shall we see the Sovereign One,  
and where is joy to be found?

*One:* God has promised to come to us,  
with saving grace to meet our need.

*Many:* We are weighed down with limitations  
and oppressed by many fears.

*One:* God breaks into the deserts of our despair  
with springs of water to quench our thirst.

*Many:* Grant us strength and patience  
to await God's coming and receive the good news.

\* **PRAYER OF INVOCATION FOR THE INDWELLING OF THE SPIRIT**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Kate and Marshall Friese, Claire and Hunter

\* **SACRED MUSIC** #123 NPH "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" (1,2 & 5)

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, as we continue our journey toward Christmas, we are so aware there is much in the world to deafen our ears to the sound of angel anthems or to blind our eyes to the star that would guide us to the manger. Forgive us, Creator, when we let the world distract us from your love or from sharing it with others. Help us focus our hearts on you. In Christ we pray. Amen.

\* **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

\* **PROFESSION OF FAITH** (Unison) **Apostles' Creed**  
(Inside Cover of the Hymnal)

\* **GLORIA PATRI** (Unison, Refrain of "Angels We Have Heard On High")

\* **THE PEACE** (Response: "And also with you.")

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Special thanks to Andrea Montgomery  
and all the kids for their time and hard work.  
Thanks also to those who helped with costumes  
and rehearsal, and to the parents  
for making this all possible!



## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

(Wave to your neighbors, and those joining via the live-stream.)

**OFFERING**

(Offerings may be placed in the collection basket at the top of the stairs  
as you exit the sanctuary following the worship.)

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER, PRAYER OF DEDICATION & LORD'S PRAYER**  
(Debts & Debtors; Inside Cover of the Hymnal)

\* **DOXOLOGY** (Inside Cover of Hymnal to Tune of "O Come, O Come")

\* **SACRED MUSIC** #128 NPH "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

\* **CHARGE, BENEDICTION & CHORAL BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** (Seated) Jarrett Larson

\* **Congregation standing; as each person desires.**

Masks are welcome but not required, distance as you are comfortable.

Virtual fellowship via Zoom will take place at 11:30 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/6360764407>

The Mission of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Canton is to reach out to all people  
and welcome them in celebrating truly the joys, freedoms and responsibilities  
that come with our faith in God, Christ's unconditional love for us,  
and the power of the Holy Spirit to transform our world.

Through this nurturing Christian Community we will fully recognize the value of each believer,  
humbly forgive ourselves and others, and lovingly embrace God's Grace.

## PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

We remember in prayer Christa Lyon, Carole Eller, Bob & Betty Fraser, Kristin McKie, Martin Syvertsen, Josh Holbrook & Family, Karen Parker and Bill, Mark and Nancy Brown and family, the Boswell family, Colleen Grant, Mitzi VonSchiller (friend of Beth Hayes), the Basford/Rodee family, Nick Scelzi, Rhonda Walch, Jody Upton (Sister of Susan Akins), and all who are ill in hospitals, nursing homes or at home; and those serving our nation and their families who support them.

Organist & Choir Director: Jarrett Larson  
Church School Director: Andrea Montgomery  
Assistant Director: Bob Duda  
Office Coordinator: Lynne HunterBeach

**The password for our church wifi network is: Lakew00d4331a**  
**Password for the Zoom fellowship call at 11:30 a.m. is 3862570**

## AT OUR CHURCH THIS WEEK

Today 12/11/22 - CS Christmas Pageant  
- Virtual Fellowship via Zoom (11:15 a.m.)  
- Farm Family Offering  
- Church Potluck Lunch  
- Deacons To Deliver Poinsettias & Cookies

Monday 12/12/22 - Session Budget Meeting (7 p.m.)

Wednesday 12/14/22 - Women's Circle (7 p.m.)

Thursday 12/15/22 - Newsletter Deadline  
- Choir Practice (7 p.m.)

Sunday 12/18/22 - Lessons & Carols  
- Noisy Can Offering  
- Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting (11:15 a.m.)

**Birthdays:** Brandon Rodee, Georgia Vose (Monday)  
Kenneth Gibson, Nicole Rae Janack, Jessica Witherhead (Tuesday)  
David Witherhead (Wednesday)  
Evan Poole (Thursday)

# The First Presbyterian Church on the Park

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## Third Sunday in Advent

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# The Third Sunday of Advent - JOY

(First Two Candles Lit)

**Reader 1:** We have lit again the two candles in our Advent wreath, to remind us of God's gifts of hope and peace. Today we will light the third candle, the pink one, representing joy.

**Reader 2:** As we wait for Christmas, the birth of Jesus, we look forward to the joyful celebrations we will share with those we love. The prophet Zephaniah calls us to shout for joy, because God will gather together all people and renew them in love. When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the angel told the shepherds not to be afraid. The angels brought "good news of a great joy, which shall be to all people." The good news of Jesus' birth and the promise of Peace are still "tidings of great joy" for us today.

**Reader 1:** Paul reminds Christians, "Rejoice in God always." The third candle reminds us of our joy in Jesus Christ.

(Third candle is lit)